Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for accurately metering a product, the device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, ~~and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part,~~ wherein two of the passageways are arranged at an opposing angular location of from between ~~100~~ 90 to less than ~~140~~ 180 degrees from ~~each other~~ the remaining passageway and the dosing chamber is constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect the two opposing passageways of the outer part to the remaining passageway.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A device according to claim 1, wherein the inner metering part is configured, so constructed and arranged so as to rotate within the outer part.

Claim 3 (original): A device according to claim 2, wherein the outer housing part and the inner metering part are mounted concentrically with the inner metering part and the inner metering part has only one degree of liberty in rotation around a central axis of rotation.

Claims 4-5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device according to claim 4, wherein the passageways are arranged at an angular location of approximately 120 degrees from each other and the chamber is arranged across the inner metering part so as to connect two of the three passageways of the outer part upon each alternate rotation.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device according to claim 4, wherein the dosing chamber is linear and arranged across the inner metering part so as to connect consecutively two of the three passageways of the outer metering part in two different positions that are symmetrical to each other with relation to the axis of the third passageway upon each alternate rotation of the inner metering part.

Claim 8 (canceled):

Claim 9 (original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the dosing chamber includes emerging ends that form recesses to entrap the piston block in the inner metering part.

Claim 10 (original): A device according to claim 1, having one inlet passageway and two outlet passageways.

Claim 11 (original): A device according to claim 1, having two inlet passageways and one outlet passageway.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for preparing a final food product, the method comprising the steps of directing at least one fluid food product to a device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part so as to accurately meter and dispense the fluid food product(s) therefrom to assist in preparing the final food product, wherein <u>two of</u> the passageways are arranged at an <u>opposing</u> angular location of from 100 to 140 degrees from ~~each other~~ <u>the remaining passageway</u>.

Claims 13-15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (new): A device for accurately metering a product, the device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part, wherein two of the passageways are arranged at an opposing angular location of from 100 to 140 degrees from the remaining passageway and wherein every half-cycle of a complete operating cycle of the device results in the simultaneous filling and discharging of the same amount of a food product.

Claim 17 (new): A method for preparing a final food product, the method comprising the steps of directing at least one fluid food product to a device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part so as to accurately meter and dispense the fluid food product(s) therefrom to assist in preparing the final food product, wherein two of the passageways are arranged at an opposing angular location of from 100 to 140 degrees from the remaining passageway and wherein the device has one inlet passageway and two outlet passageways so that the fluid food product can be metered and dispensed onto two adjacent production lines.

Claim 18 (new): A method for preparing a final food product, the method comprising the steps of directing at least one fluid food product to a device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part so as to accurately meter and dispense the fluid food product(s) therefrom to assist in preparing the final food product, wherein two of the passageways are arranged at an opposing angular location of from 100 to 140 degrees from the remaining passageway and wherein the device has two inlet passageways and one outlet passageway so that two fluid food products can be metered and dispensed simultaneously.

Claim 19 (new): A method for preparing a final food product, the method comprising the steps of directing at least one fluid food product to a device comprising a housing outer part and an inner metering part having a dosing chamber and a piston block slideably mounted therein, the housing outer part comprising three passageways, and the dosing chamber being so constructed and arranged so as to alternately connect two of the three passageways of the outer part so as to accurately meter and dispense the fluid food product(s) therefrom to assist in preparing the final food product, wherein two of the passageways are arranged at an opposing angular location of from 100 to 140 degrees from the remaining passageway and wherein the inner metering part is so constructed and arranged to allow for rotation within the outer part to meter and dispense the fluid food product.